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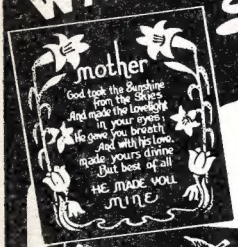

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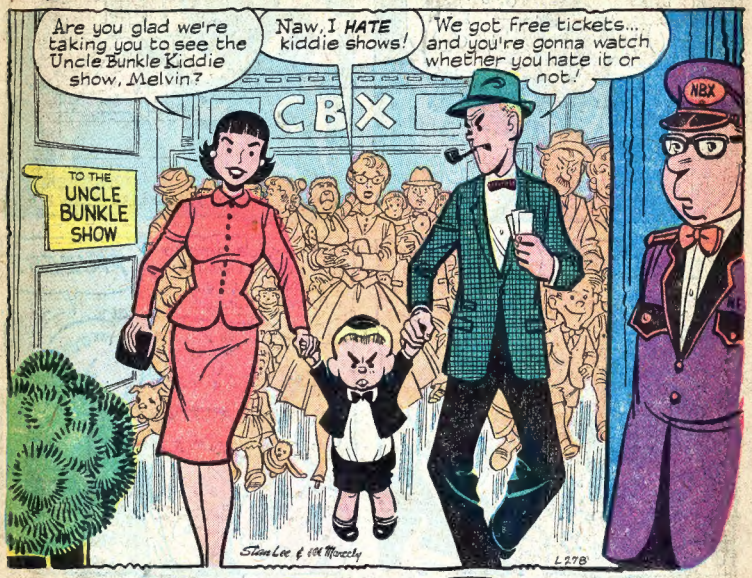
Are you glad we're taking you to see the Uncle Bunkle Kiddie show, Melvin?
Naw, I HATE kiddie shows!
We got free tickets... and you're gonna watch whether you hate it or not!
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TO THE UNCLE BUNKLE SHOW
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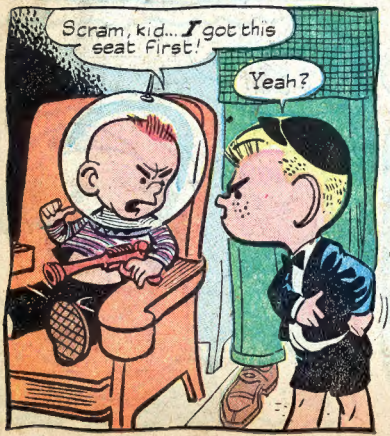
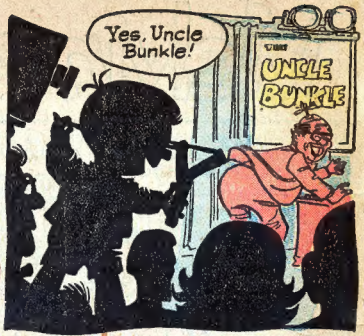
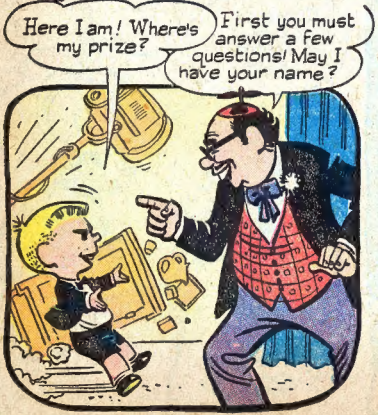


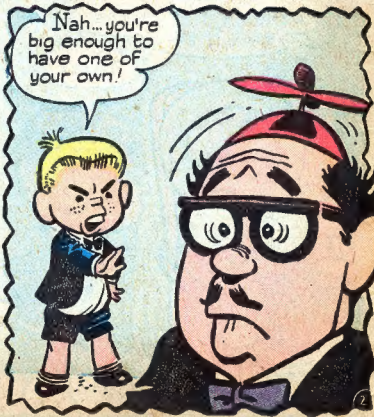
Hello, kiddies... this is your Uncle Bunkle... are you havin' fun?
THE
SHOW


Yes, Uncle Bunkle!
UNCLE BUNKLE

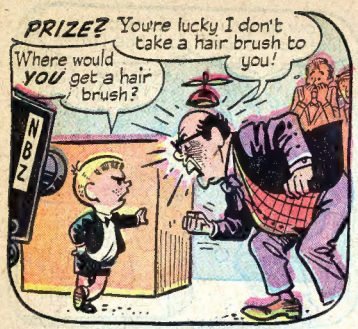
YEOOOOPP!
I don't know where Uncle Bunkle gets all his energy!

And now, it's time to give prizes away to some lucky boy... who will volunteer?
PRIZES?


Here I am! Where's my prize?
First you must answer a few questions! May I have your name?


Nah... you're big enough to have one of your own!

Why did we ever let Melvin go up there?
I'll bet Uncle Bunkle is thinking the same thing!
How do you like our show?
I watch it all the time!
THE UNCLE BUNKLE SHOW
You do? How wonderful!
CBX
What's so wonderful? Whenever I'm real naughty, Pop makes me watch it fer PUNISHMENT!
ULP!
Heh! Heh... it's nice to meet a young lad with a sense of humor!
Bunkle, not in front of all those cameras!
That'll be all, my little man! Who's next?
I'm not your little man... and where's my prize?


PRIZE? You're lucky I don't take a hair brush to you!
Where would YOU get a hair brush?
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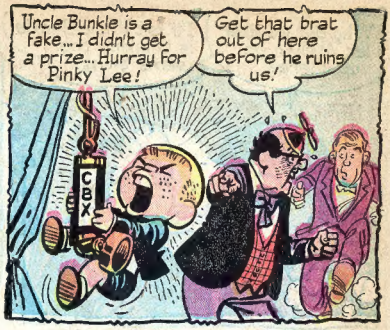
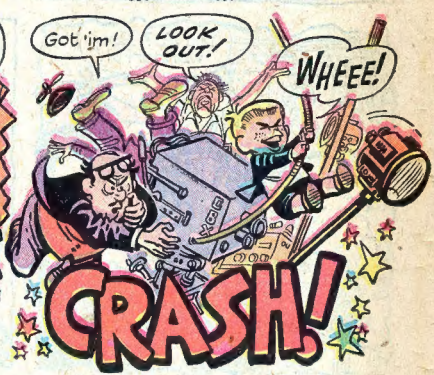

Uncle Bunkle is a fake... I didn't get a prize... Hurray for Pinky Lee!
Get that brat out of here before he ruins us!
CBX

Come on down now, sonny... that's a good little boy!
SMILE when you call me a good little boy bub!


Got 'im!
LOOK OUT!
WHEEE!
CRASH!

WE REGRET THAT DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THE UNCLE BUNKLE SHOW WILL NOT BE SHOWN AT THIS TIME!

Haw! Haw... poor Uncle Bunkle... I always WARNED you to watch out for those little monsters!
Go on and laugh, Chubby... I don't care!
Now let's go to the Chubby Smith show, Pop!
All right... I just happen to have some tickets to that, too!
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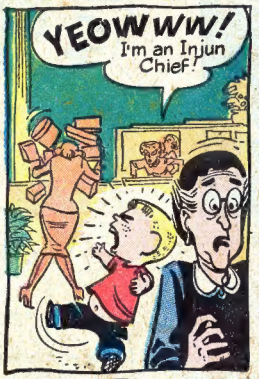

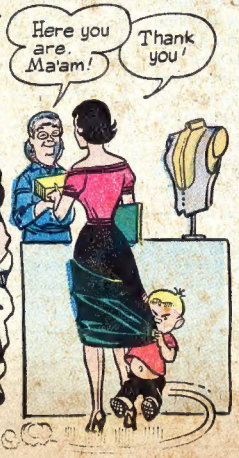

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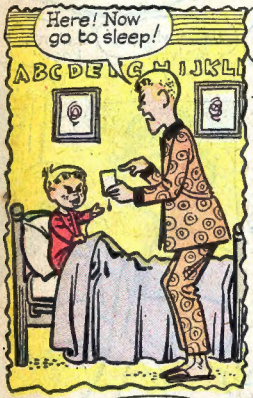
by Stan Lee
Have a good time, Melvin!
Okay, Pop!
Look, Pop...I found some magic growing pills! If you swallow them, you become a giant!
Uh huh!
Isn't it wonderful what imaginations youngsters have?
Yes, Dear!
Dear, where's Melvin?
I don't know!
Let's look for him!
There he is!
EEK! MELVIN!
Those growing pills! He warned us!
Hey, Pop, didja see my sandals anywhere?

Melvin the Monster

by Stan & Hot



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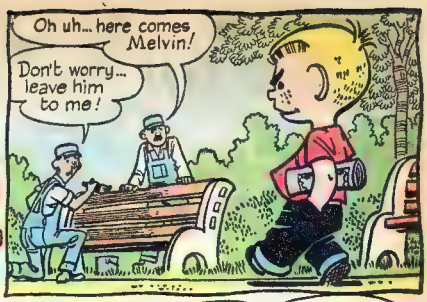

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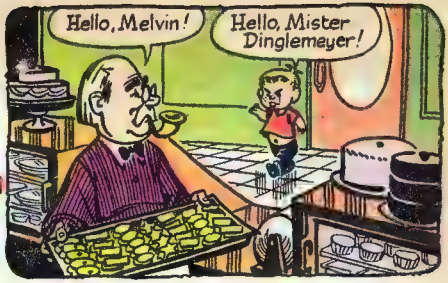

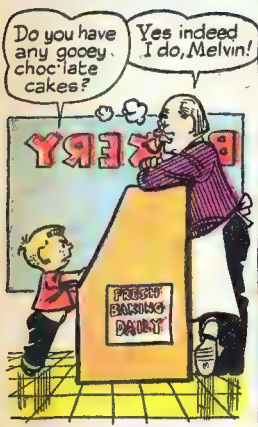

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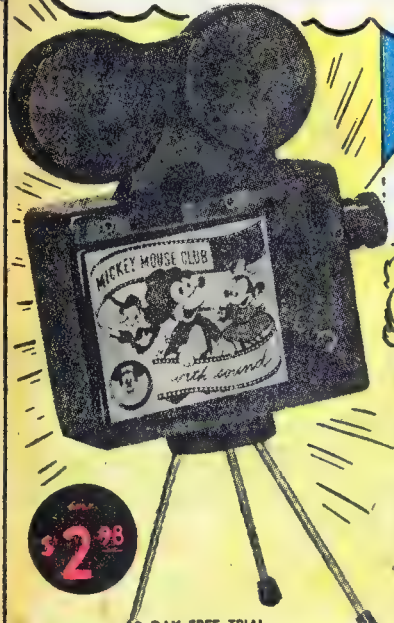

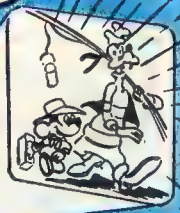

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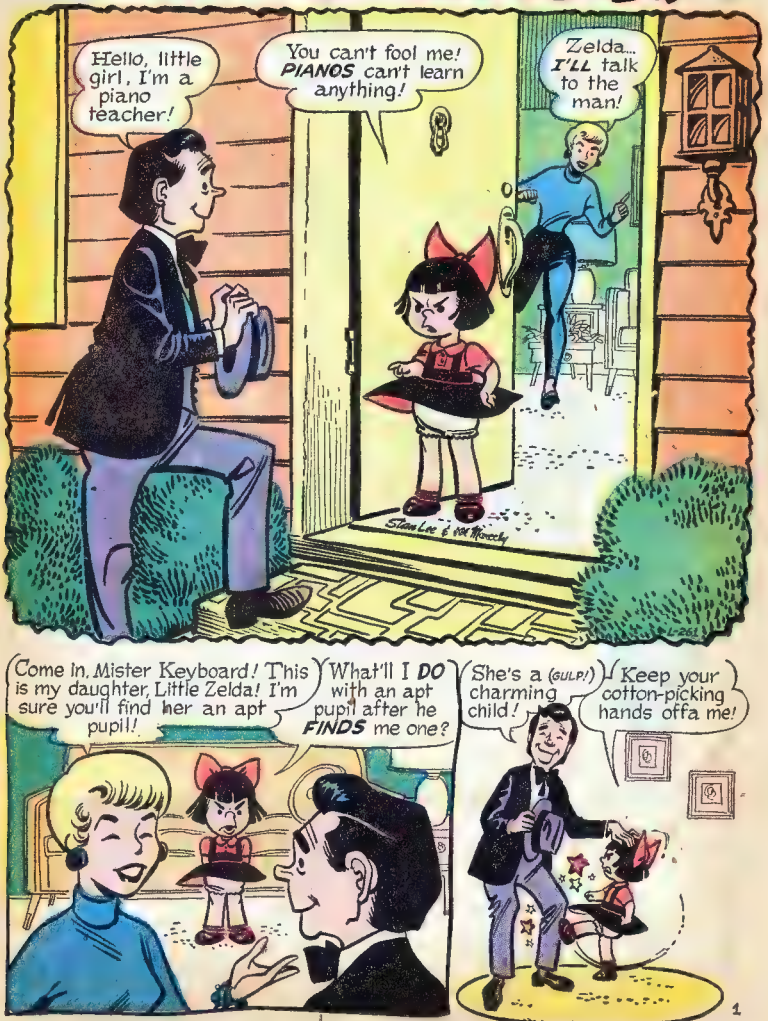
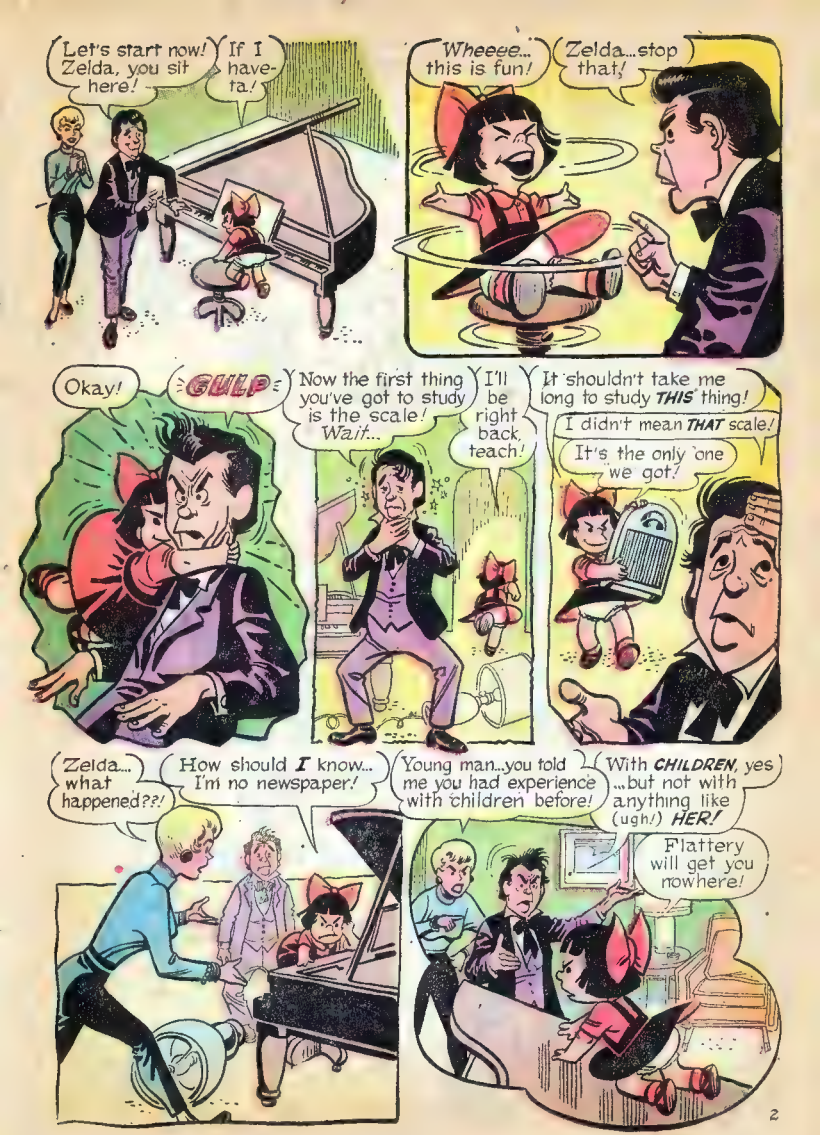

Hello, little girl, I'm a piano teacher!
You can't fool me! PIANOS can't learn anything!
Zelda... I'LL talk to the man!
Stan Lee & Vic Mizzy
Come in, Mister Keyboard! This is my daughter, Little Zelda! I'm sure you'll find her an apt pupil!
What'll I DO with an apt pupil after he FINDS me one?
She's a (GULP!) charming child!
Keep your cotton-picking hands offa me!


Let's start now! Zelda, you sit here!
If I have-ta!
Wheeee... this is fun!
Zelda...stop that!
Okay!
GULP
Now the first thing you've got to study is the scale! Wait...
I'll be right back, teach!
It shouldn't take me long to study THIS thing!
I didn't mean THAT scale!
It's the only one we got!
Zelda... what happened??!
How should I know... I'm no newspaper!
Young man...you told me you had experience with children before!
With CHILDREN, yes ...but not with anything like (ugh!) HER!
Flattery will get you nowhere!

Zelda, don't you WANT to play the piano?
SURE I do..
See... I play on it all the time!
WHEEEE!
I never knew piano lessons were so much fun!
OWW!
Tell me, do you think she's got any musical talent?
Yeah...about as much as an earthquake!
Look how good I can play!
Sort of makes you want to cry, doesn't it?
Yeah..
Well, I have to go now and ...YEOWW!
What would you like her to do till you come again?
THUD!
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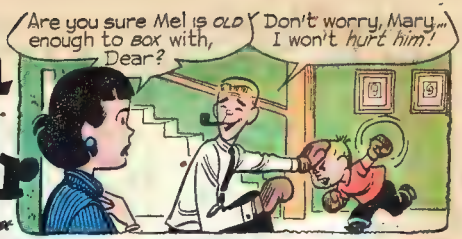

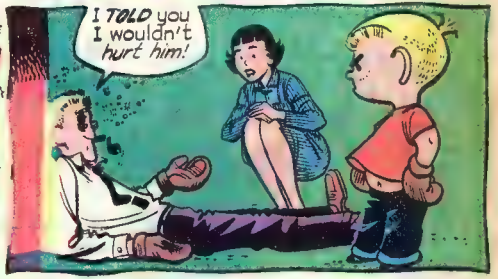

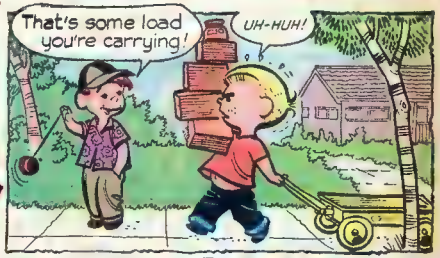

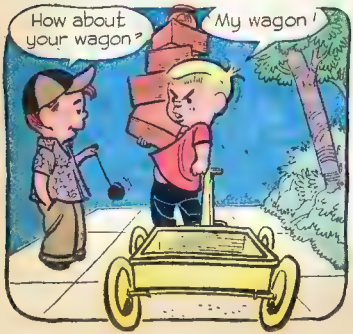

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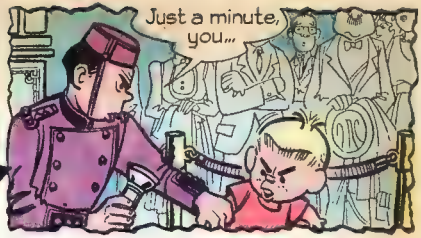

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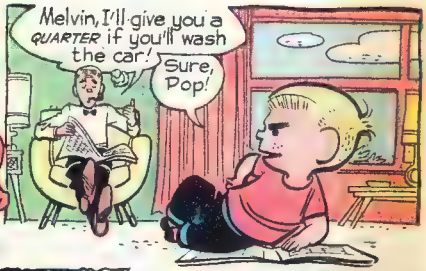

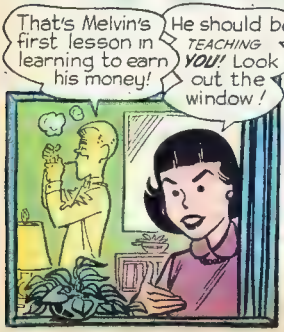

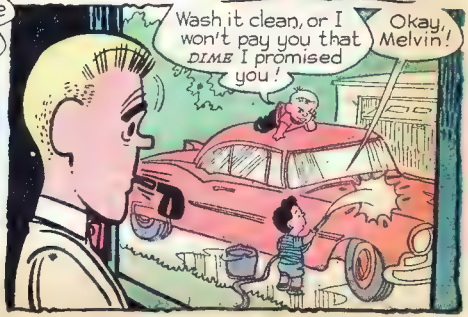

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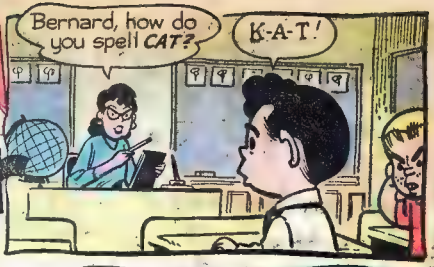

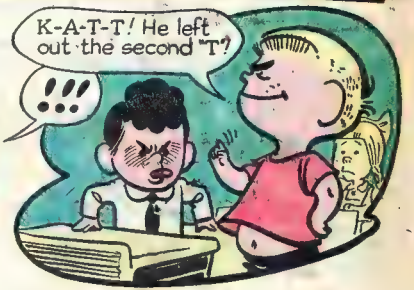

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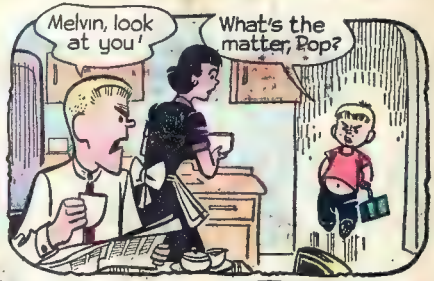

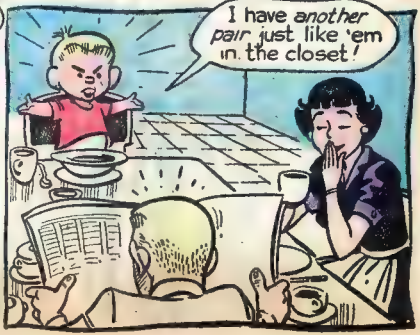

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The Lost Wallet

TIMMY and Johnny and Davey all got together with the rest of the fellows who were members of the Center Street Booster Club to talk about their big problem.

"But we've just gotta get some money!" Timmy said.

"Gee, Timmy, where?" Davey asked.

"My father won't give me any because I just got a new bike for my birthday," Johnny said.

Timmy emptied his pockets on the empty box he used for a table.

"I've got exactly thirty-seven cents," he told the fellows. "How much do you have?" and he looked at all of them.

After each of the members had counted all their money, the Booster Club only had exactly $2.48.

"Well," Timmy said sadly, "that certainly isn't enough money to get us all into the circus."

"Golly," Johnny said. "And that includes my *next* week's allowance too."

Every single last member of the Boosters felt very bad. They had all signed a pledge that they'd all go to the circus together, but in spite of everything they could do, they couldn't get enough money all at once to pay all of their admissions.

"I've got it!" Timmy shouted.

A roar of delight went up in the clubhouse.

"We'll have some kind of a sale," Timmy said. "I remember when my mother's club needed some money, they had what she called a 'White Elephant Sale'."

"What's that?" Davey asked.

"We haven't got any white elephants to sell and you know it, Timmy Martin," Johnny moaned sadly.

"We don't *sell* white elephants," Timmy explained slowly. "Even *I* know that."

"Then what *do* we sell?" a voice from the back of the room inquired.

"Well," Timmy thought a minute. "I guess we all just gather up everything we either don't need or don't want any more and sell it."

"If *we* don't want it any more, who *would* want it?" Johnny looked puzzled.

"I don't exactly know. But it's worth trying anyway," Timmy told them. "Now all of you run home and get all those things that you don't need and run back here right away with them. Then we'll set up a booth right out here on the street and see how much we can sell."

About an hour later, all the Boosters were back at the clubhouse with all sorts of old stuff that they didn't want any more. Timmy looked it all over on the table. There were a couple of old fish hooks, somebody brought an old T-shirt that was too small, and Johnny brought a pair of broken roller skates.

"I lost the key," he told Timmy, "but maybe somebody has an old key and needs a pair of roller skates that will fit it."

"Maybe," Timmy said doubtfully. "Well, let's get all the stuff outside."

Everything that they had was put outside on the old packing crate and Davey wrote a sign that said, "White Elephant Sale . . . Buy it all!" But in spite of the sign and the eager Boosters standing by ready to make sales, nobody who came by stopped to buy anything. They were all just about ready to give up and go home without any money, when a very tall man walked quickly down the street toward their booth.

"Let's just wait until this man walks by," Timmy said.

It looked like he was going to be just like the rest of the people and not even stop at the stand, but he surprised everybody and slowed down long enough to read the sign.

"Well, well," he laughed. "A White Elephant Sale, huh? Say, I'll give you 50¢ for those skates you have there."

"Sold," spoke up Timmy, and he took the 50¢ and gave the man the skates.

After the man walked away again and the Boosters started closing up for the night, Johnny spotted something on the table.

"Hey, who brought this wallet to the sale?" he asked.

"Nobody," Timmy answered. "It wasn't there a little while ago."

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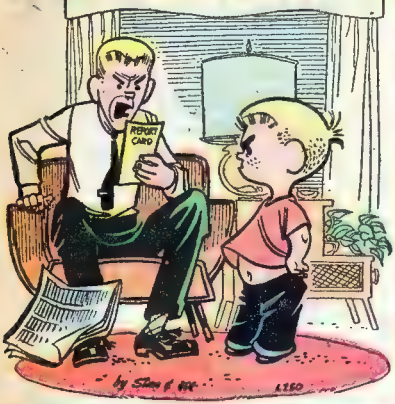
Melvin THE MONSTER



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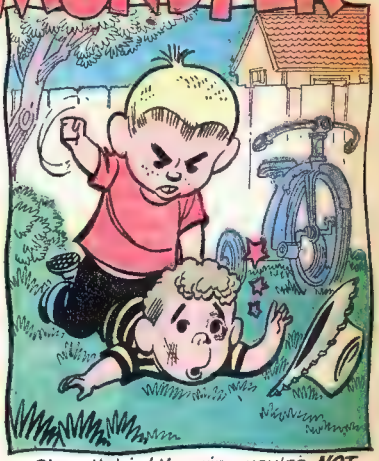


Okay, Melvin! You win...you're NOT a roughneck!

May I carry your books for you? They look very heavy!

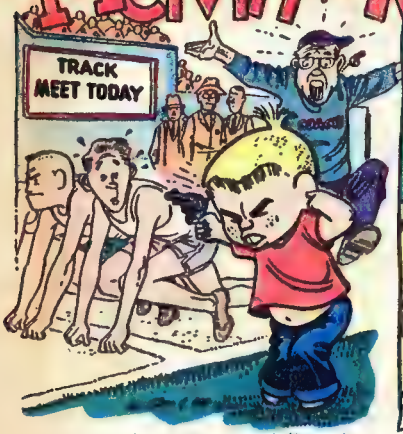
Melvin THE MONSTER

IT IS SO real orangeade! This is the orange we've been using all week!

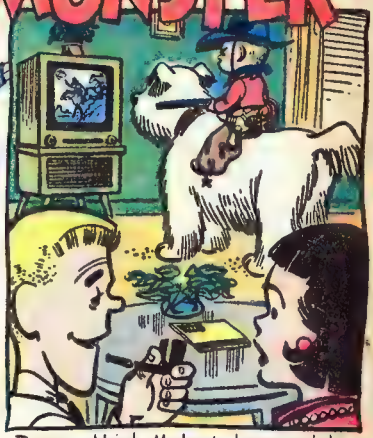
It isn't bad enough he found that knothole...now he's selling tickets!

But I *WASN'T* walking on the grass...I was *RUNNING!*

Melvin THE MONSTER



No, no, Melvin... you point it up in the *AIR!!!*

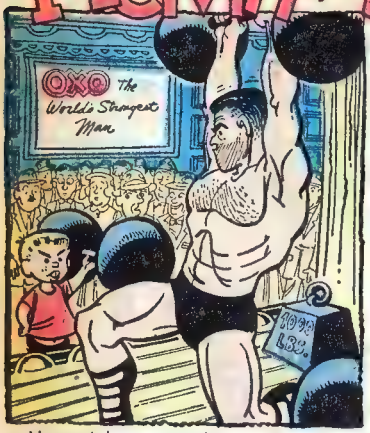


Do you think Melvin's been watching too many cowboy films on TV.?

What does that sign say?

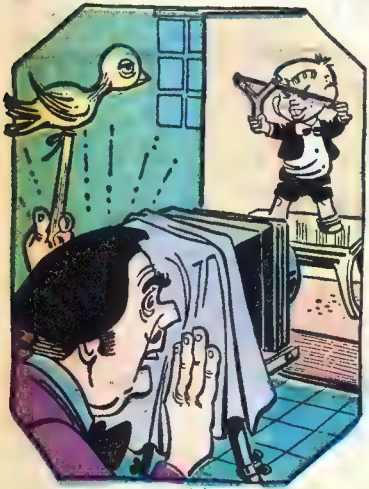
If *THAT'S* how he takes a *BATH*, what'll he wear when he goes *SWIMMING?*

Melvin THE MONSTER

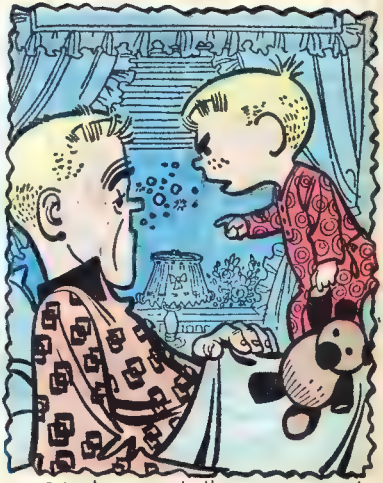


Hey, mister... you dropped one!

Tune 'er up, check the tires and give me a road map!



No...no. I said *WATCH* the birdie!!



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"Well, it must belong to that man who bought the skates. Let's look inside and see if he has his name or something in there," Timmy told him.

When the fellows opened the wallet, the first thing that they saw was a brand-new ten dollar bill.

"Whew," Davey whistled. "Boy, that could get us all into the circus."

"It sure could," Johnny said.

The boys stood around and just looked at the money. Then they looked at each other.

"But we don't even know who the man is!" Johnny said.

"Well, look." Timmy opened the wallet to the inside pocket. "Here's his name right here. Mr. Thomas Ford . . . and look here. Here are a lot of other papers. This first one is a receipt from a hotel. The Palace. That's downtown, isn't it?"

"Yes, but if we all go down there, we'll have to spend some of the money we've already got in the treasury. And maybe he won't even give us anything for returning it," Davey said.

"He doesn't *have* to give us anything," Timmy spoke up. "It's just that if we keep this money instead of returning it, do you think any one of us would enjoy that *circus*?"

"No, of *course* not," Johnny told him.

And every one of the Boosters had to admit that Timmy was right, so Timmy slipped the wallet into his pocket and took enough carfare out of the treasury to get them all downtown to the hotel.

The Center Street Boosters Club made quite a mournful picture as they got off the bus and walked across the street to the biggest, most expensive hotel in town. Timmy mentally counted the money they had left in the treasury after paying their carfares. Only $1.52. That would just about get one of them into the circus. And with the 50¢ Mr. Ford gave for the skates, well . . . that would maybe buy a couple of bags of peanuts.

"But what's the use of thinking about it," Timmy thought to himself. "We pledged that all of us would go . . . or none of us." As they crossed the lobby of the hotel, Timmy thought, "Maybe we'll be able to get a new baseball or something instead."

They all asked the man at the desk which one was Mr. Ford's room, and when they found out, they went right up to the room. On the way down the corridor, each one of them was wondering

how much reward they'd get for returning the wallet. And each one of them knew that even if they got half of the money in the wallet, it still wouldn't be enough to solve their problem.

Timmy knocked on the door of Mr. Ford's room, and soon the door opened and Mr. Ford himself stood looking down at the Boosters.

Timmy took the wallet out of his pocket and held it up to him. "We found it on the table after you left," Timmy said.

"My wallet," Mr. Ford shouted. "Come on in, fellows. I can't thank you enough. There were some very important papers in here."

The Booster's hearts were high as they watched the man take a quick look through his wallet. "Yes," he said. "The papers are all here, and so is the money, I see."

"Yes, sir." Timmy said.

"I'll bet you fellas could have used that money too."

"Yes, sir," Timmy said again. "We wanted to go to the circus tomorrow . . . that's why we were having the sale. But you were the only one who bought anything, so I guess we won't be able to go."

"The circus, hey?" Mr. Ford said. He looked at all the Boosters standing looking at him. "Well, I think we can fix that up for all you fellows." He sat down at the desk and began writing. Timmy wondered if Mr. Ford was going to give them back their carfare.

"Here you are, boys," Mr. Ford finally said, and gave them all little white slips of papers.

"What's this?" Timmy asked.

"That is a lifetime pass for the circus for all of you. It's good for as long as you want to use it . . . every year the circus comes to town."

"Pass?" Johnny muttered and stared down at the little slip of paper.

"You see, boys," Mr. Ford told them, "I'm the manager for the circus, and I have to come to town a few days before the circus to make arrangements for them. That's what all those papers were about. And that's why it's worth so much to me to get them all back again."

"Thanks a million, Mr. Ford," all the Boosters shouted.

"Thanks to you, boys," the man laughed, "for returning the wallet." And as all the boosters were running down the hall shouting, Mr. Ford called after them, "And just be sure you yell that loud when you all see the circus tomorrow!"

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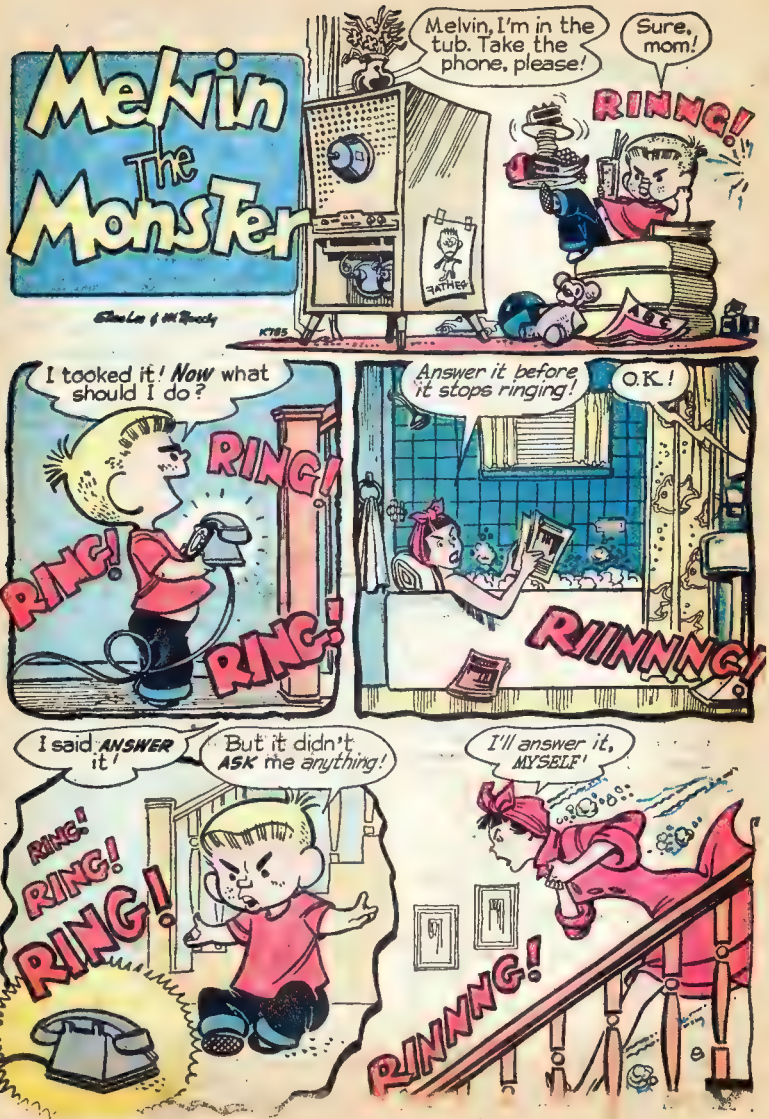
Melvin The Monster
Melvin, I'm in the tub. Take the phone, please!
Sure, mom!
RINNG!
FATHER
I tooked it! Now what should I do?
RING!
RING!
RING!
Answer it before it stops ringing!
O.K.!
RIINNG!
I said ANSWER it!
But it didn't ASK me anything!
RING!
RING!
RING!
I'll answer it, MYSELF!
RINNG!

Mom...
Yes?
Look out for my rolly skate!
ZOOM!
MM
CRASH!
Thanks!
You're welcome, mommy!
Now give me that phone...
That's what I was TRYING to do!
RING
Mommy... why is all the furniture floating around on the bathroom floor?
SPLASH! GURGLE!
Good grief! I forgot to turn the water off!

Here... YOU see who it is!
O.K.!
I can't see a thing!
Hello? Hello?
Oh dear...it'll take me hours to mop this up!
MOMMY!!
Can I SAIL my boat on the FLOOR?
Give me strength!
What about the phone?
Hello? Hello?
No thank you... the boat is better! I don't think the phone would FLOAT!

YOU mop up this water, while I answer the phone!
O.K., Mommy!
It doesn't fit thru the door!
OH NO!
Turn the mop AROUND, Melvin!
Hello! Hello!
I'll keep calm... I'll make believe it's all a bad dream!
Oops!
CONK!
BAM!
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HELLO!! WHO IS THIS???!
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